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In re Application of :  
Yamagishi et al. :  
Application No. 09/605,461 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: June 28, 2000 :  
Patent No. 7,328,402 :  
Issued: February 5, 2008 :  
Attorney Docket No. SUGI-T0730 :

This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)<sup>1</sup> filed March 4, 2008 to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner indicates that the correct assignees are Sony Corporation, Tokyo, Japan and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan, rather than Sony Corporation, Tokyo, Japan and Information Broadcasting Laboratories, Inc., Tokyo, Japan as is printed on the front page of the patent. Accordingly, petitioner requests that a certificate of correction be issued to reflect the correct assignees on the front page of the Letters Patent in the patent to be issued from the application.

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

*After payment of the issue fee:* Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter).

<sup>1</sup> See MPEP 1309, subsection II; and Official Gazette of June 22, 2004.

The request was accompanied by a certificate of correction (and fee) as required by 3.81(b). Further, Office assignment records reflect that Sony Corporation and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. are the assignees of record, which assignments were submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent. Accordingly, as the request complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), it would be appropriate for a certificate of correction to be processed after issuance of this application into a patent.

Also, the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) (\$130.00) has been charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3140 as authorized in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Christopher Bottorff at (571) 272-6692. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

The Certificates of Correction Branch will be notified of this decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b) and directing issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.



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